

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the Month of APRIL, 1948.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1947 was estimated to be 509,500, comprising 261,700 Males and 247,800 Females.

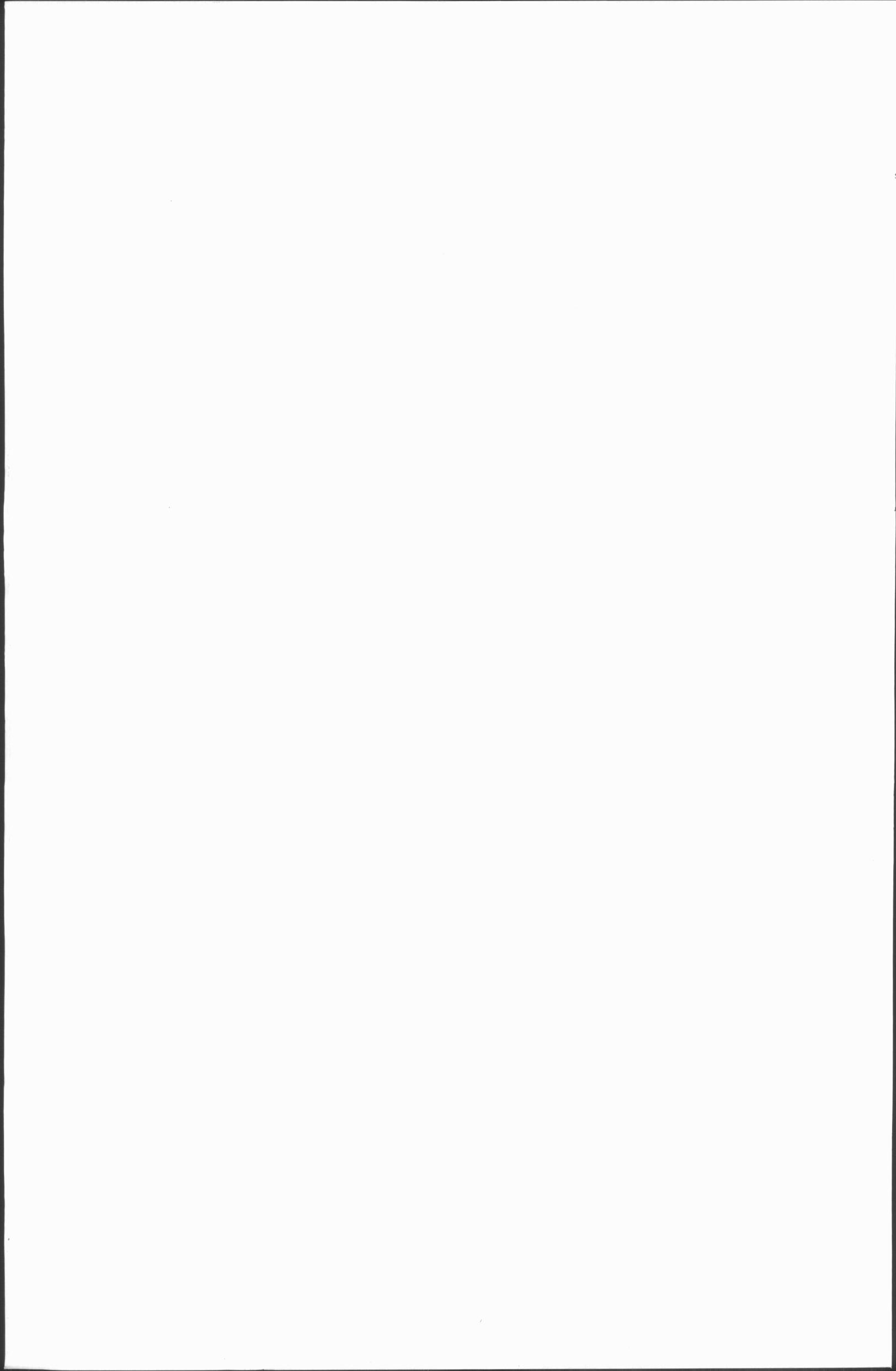
On 30th June, 1947, the population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,586.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	MARCH		Three Months ended MARCH	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Marriages	No. *Rate per 1000 of Population	498 11.49	439 10.33	1,445 11.38
Births	No. *Rate per 1000 of Population	1,032 23.81	1,080 25.41	3,091 24.34
Deaths	No. *Rate per 1000 of Population	357 8.24	354 8.33	1,032 8.13
Infant Mortality	No. Rate per 1000 Live Births	29 28.10	47 43.52	85 27.50
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis		13	11	38
Cancer		52	54	147
Influenza		"	1	-
Diphtheria		1	-	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		32	27	100
Arteriosclerosis		15	10	29
Diseases of the Heart		84	88	275
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia		33	17	59
Diarhoea and Enteritis		1	1	5
Nephritis		14	8	35
Diseases of Early Infancy		17	20	50
Serility		3	7	14
Accidents		21	27	65
All Other Causes		71	83	212
TOTAL		357	354	1,032
				1,092

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April totalled 242,865 acres, an increase of 47,649 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 577,722 acres, a decrease of 1,752,912 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,530,004	1,329,416	13,466,179	11,525,069
Revenue Per Head of Population	£2.19.8d.	£2.13.1d.	£26.10.2d.	£23.3.1d.
Expenditure	1,507,680	1,329,515	14,571,265	12,204,700
Expenditure Per Head of Popln.	£3.2.4d.	£2.13.1d.	£28.13.8d.	£24.10.5d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th April amounted to £35,546,077, or £69.5.10d. per head of population as against £36,219,638 or £72.4.8d. per head as at the 30th April last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

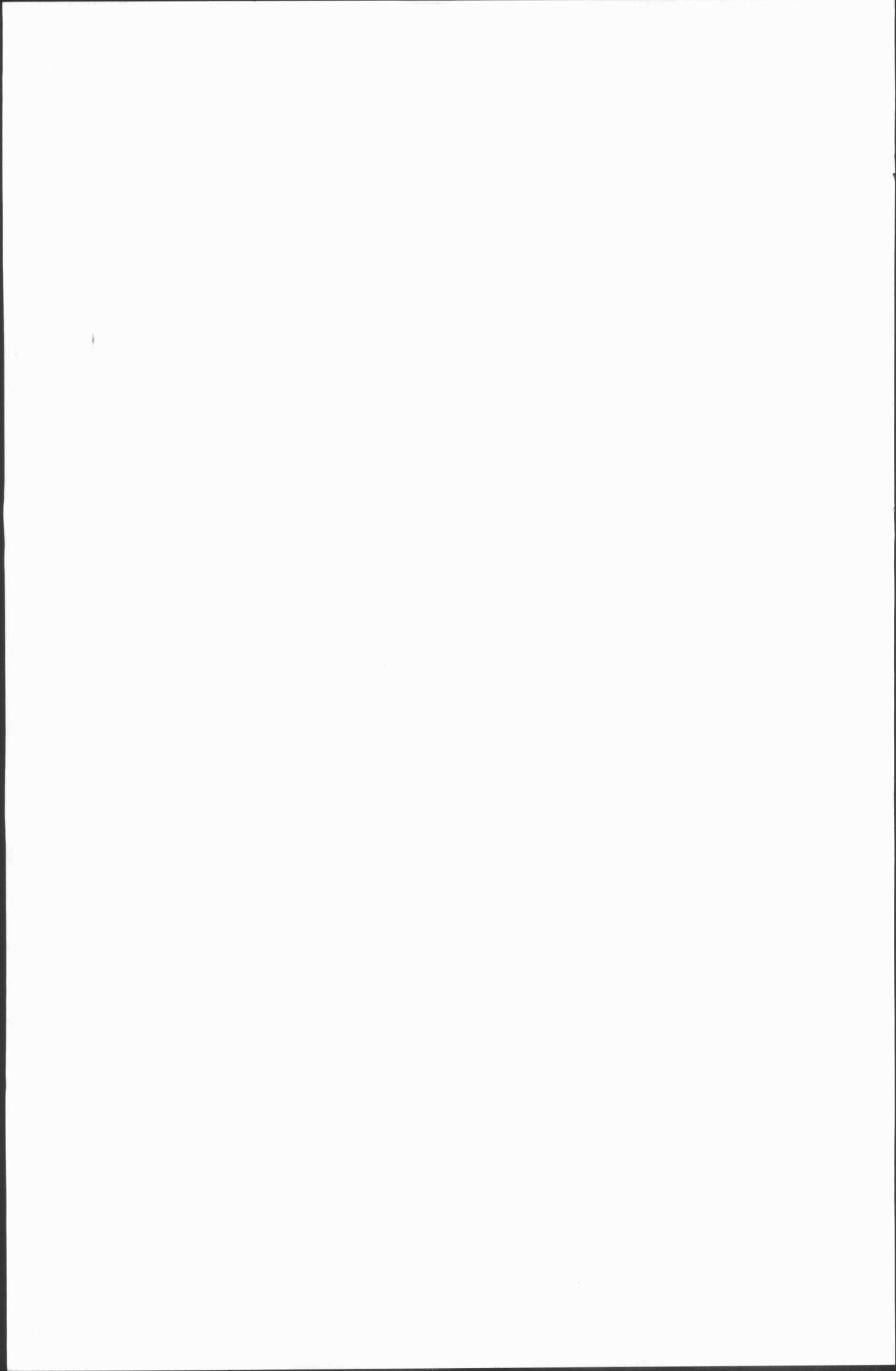
The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 28th April, 1948, amounted to £5,480,058, compared with £3,999,957 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Transfers	No. 1,426	1,455	14,350	15,310
	£ 828,926	741,251	7,757,081	7,966,092
Mortgages	No. 863	837	8,780	8,745
	£ 1,028,805	754,735	8,377,262	7,679,204
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 855	795	8,644	7,995

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods			Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)			
1947	£	£		£	£
April	1,032,193	904,783		2,181,750	131,075
May	1,133,005	1,172,830		2,513,691	119,906
June	999,553	1,235,966		3,065,537	134,149
July	986,992	890,625		2,815,570	125,720
August	1,181,616	934,743		2,284,635	155,234
September	1,381,435	1,062,710		3,286,715	163,596
October	1,238,310	854,181		2,878,237	156,911
November	1,142,486	796,547		2,541,336	135,913
December	1,120,213	1,104,042		3,833,345	138,832
1948					
January	1,269,393	752,509		3,011,477	175,780
February	1,257,388	864,177		3,248,518	137,796
March	1,092,047	599,259		2,779,556	148,425
	1,463,655	1,226,320		3,719,757	156,617



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

97 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,857,500 and 38 Foreign Companies were registered during the ten months ended April, 1948. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 80 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,798,750 and 37 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

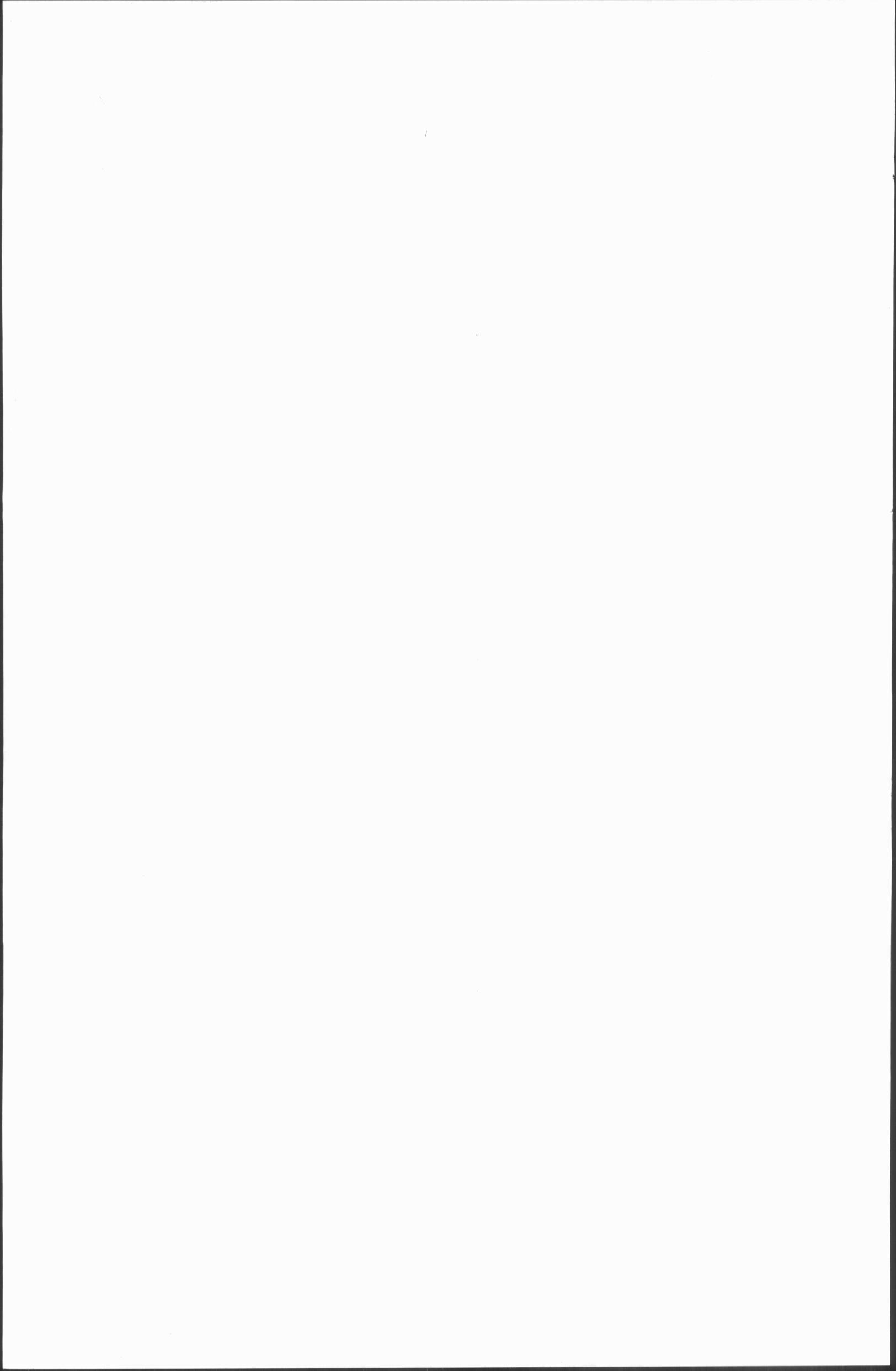
	10 Months ended APRIL					
	1948			1947		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	12	25,239	3,895	16	21,836	8,835
Deeds of Assignment (a)	8	13,619	10,411	8	12,997	9,023
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Gross Earnings (£)	400,200	363,200	3,476,500	2,985,300
Working Expenses (£)	515,414	396,702	4,036,620	3,196,200
Main Miles Run	614,250	615,330	5,463,940	4,927,718
Passenger Journeys	1,358,867	1,515,281	10,503,192	10,295,264
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	241,928	237,593	1,989,952	1,747,463
Livestock	11,450	12,259	128,721	117,097
Departmental (Free Freight)	49,142	40,358	424,526	373,337
Total	293,520	290,210	2,543,199	2,237,887
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	35,999,467	36,149,836	291,706,817	246,116,212
Livestock	1,297,197	1,331,521	15,610,835	14,518,788
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,755,691	6,410,736	67,935,366	59,142,138
Total	43,052,355	43,892,093	375,253,018	319,777,138



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1946	No. 536	No. 328	No. 11	No. 422	No. 637	No. 718	No. 16	No. 513
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
1948								
January	74	27	1	49	140	124	5	80
February	112	44	3	72	246	151	6	97

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.)*

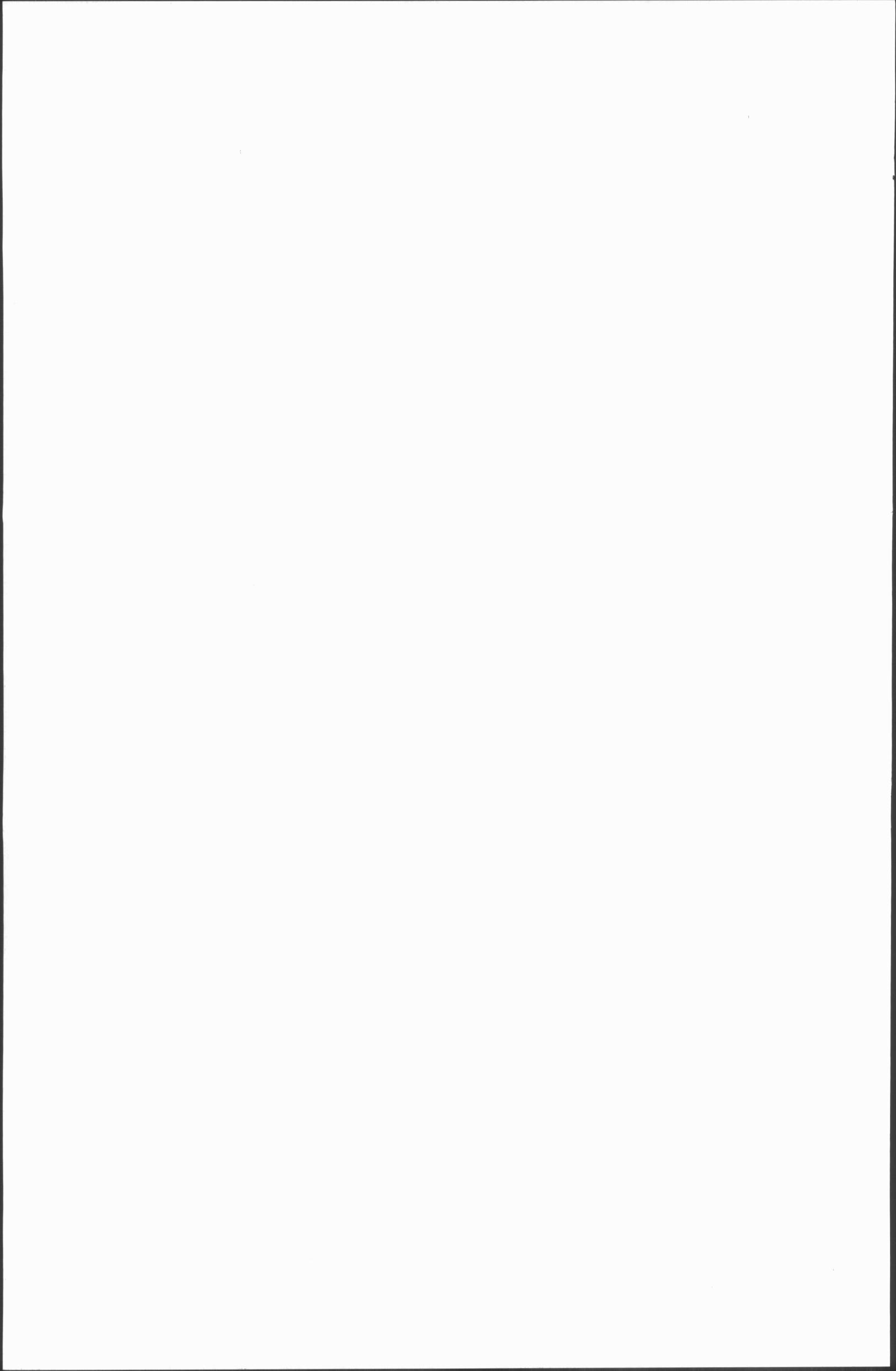
Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
1946	No. 19,770	No. 8,878	No. 243	No. 4,709	No. 31,777	No. 30,096	No. 319	No. 7,324
December	21,425	10,075	271	5,321	34,096	33,210	379	8,213
1947								
December	21,542	10,134	270	5,373	33,728	32,069	399	8,276
January	21,562	10,159	275	5,437	34,212	33,147	432	8,494
February								

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for February, 1948, 110 Cars; 427 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses and 3 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Overseas).

Trade of Western Australia, March, 1948 and 1947, and 9 months ending March, 1948 and 1947, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH		MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Overseas	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Oversea	1,805	926	12,346	6,958	3,812	2,597	34,864	17,078
Inter-state	1,948	1,148	18,953	14,962	416	1,013	4,359	3,560
TOTAL	3,753	2,074	31,299	21,920	4,228	3,610	39,223	20,638



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Houses & Other Dwellings (a)		Factories		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
1946 ..		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
March Quarter	206	168	7	5	26	21	239	194
June Quarter	295	271	15	41	35	40	345	352
Sept. Quarter	364	337	14	20	44	59	422	416
Dec. Quarter	451	445	16	16	40	72	507	533
1947 ..								
March Quarter	412	423	7	8	50	131	469	562
June Quarter	483	515	8	5	32	35	523	555
Sept. Quarter	670	699	9	17	40	66	719	782
Dec. Quarter	680	743	13	34	42	95	735	872
1948 ..								
March Quarter	504	552	4	4	88	76	596	632

(a) Excluding Owner-Built Dwellings.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION. (Excluding Owner-Built Homes)

Note: Monthly figures are preliminary only.

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	572	£,000 634	174	£,000 133	339	£,000 278	224	£,000 171	1,309	£,000 1,216
Year 1947	1,088	1,340	237	188	850	788	59	45	2,234	2,361
1948										
March Qtr.	230	305	66	46	203	194	2	1	501	546
April (Month)	112	(b)	6	(b)	64	(b)	-	-	182	(b)

(b) Not available.

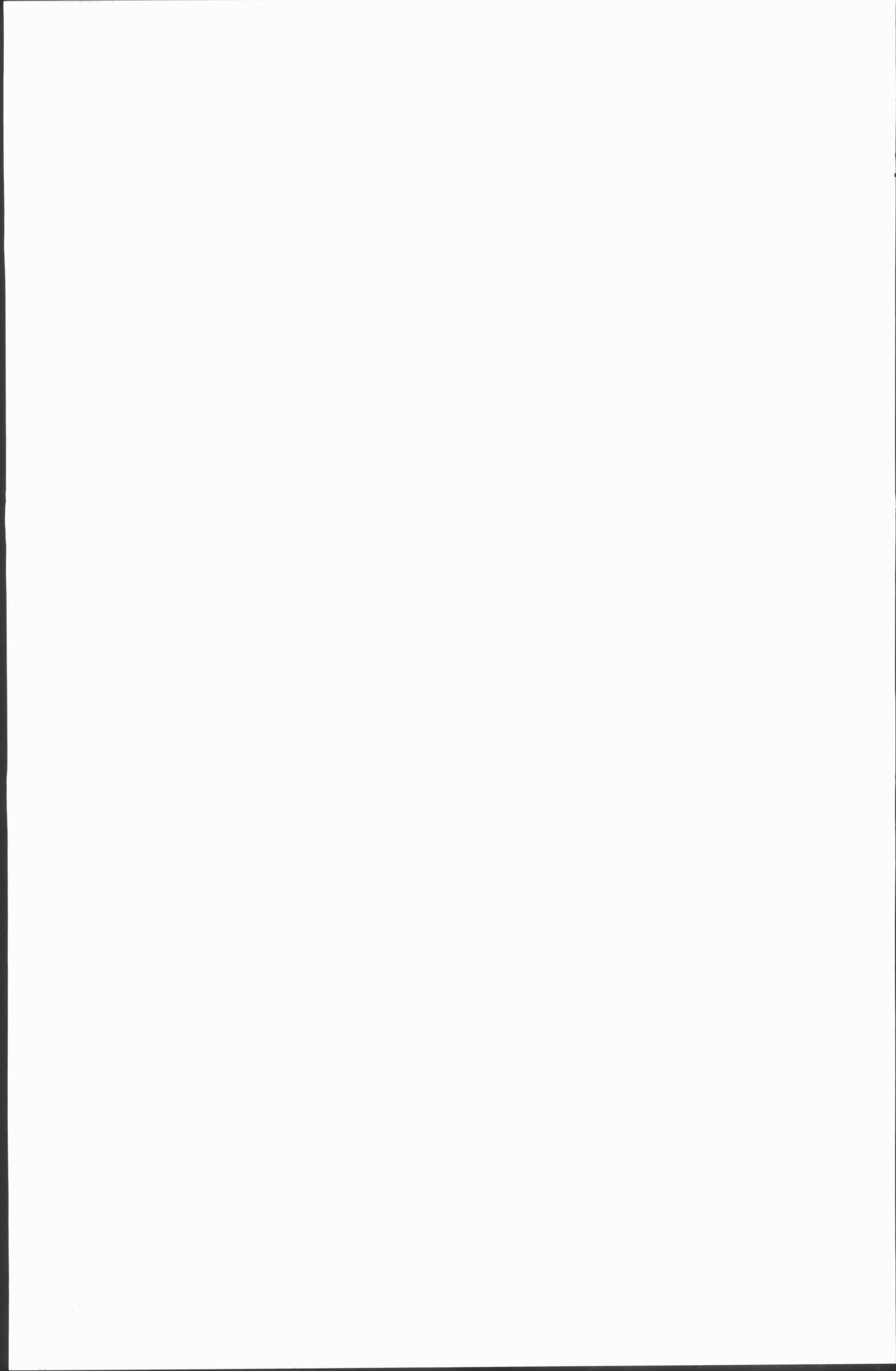
BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

299,977 lbs. were produced during March, 1948 and 13,821,355 lbs. for the nine months ended March, 1948, as against 253,085 lbs. and 11,673,131 lbs., respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1947.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	APRIL		4 Months ended APRIL	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	49,155	52,448	195,796	219,324
Value (Aust. Currency) £	529,043	564,477	2,107,396	2,360,486

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the 4 months ended April, 1948 amounted to £73,437. Dividends Reported for the corresponding period for 1947 were £202,812.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	April		4 Months ended April		March Qtr.		12 Months ended March	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Metropolitan Area	1208	1087	1196	1073	1221	1136	1182	1132
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1349	1218	1340	1205	1331	1239	1288	1229
Northam	1227	1104	1215	1089	1227	1145	1191	1139
Bunbury	1214	1086	1202	1073	1232	1149	1194	1142
Geraldton	1238	1110	1224	1097	1280	1196	1242	1192
Collie	1226	1102	1210	1087	1170	1092	1137	1087

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.
(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

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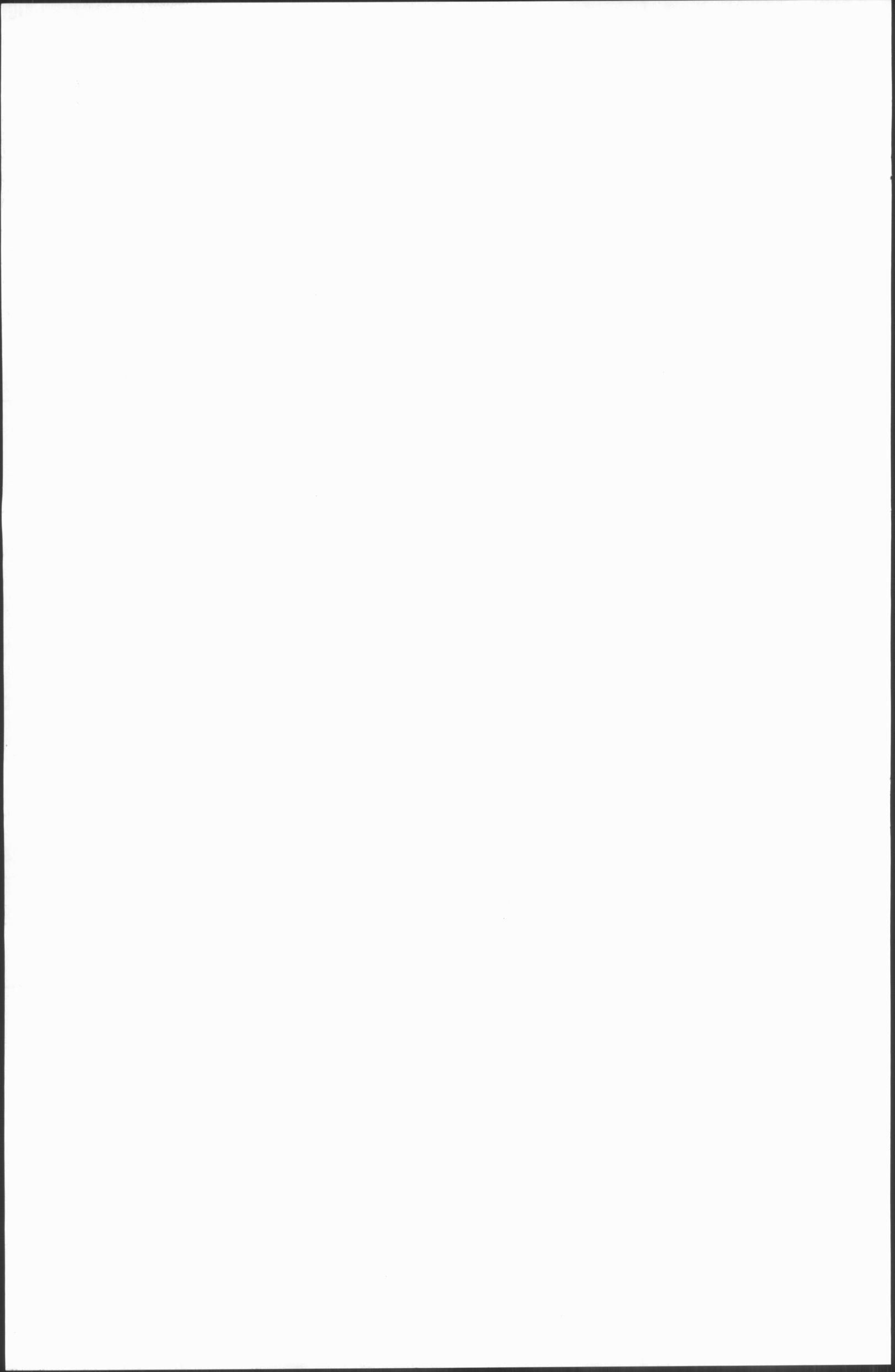
Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947</u>			
February	101,861	34,815	136,676
March	102,999	35,339	138,338
April	102,697	35,266	137,963
May	103,356	35,479	138,835
June	103,935	35,542	139,477
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096
October	105,646	35,924	141,570
November	105,849	36,308	142,157
December	106,764	36,645	143,409
<u>1948</u>			
January	106,732	36,366	143,098
February	106,519	36,527	143,046
March	107,574	36,832	144,406

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1944	1945	1946	1947(a)	1948(a)	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
January	137	142	145	162	173	826	870	995	1134	1233
February	138	142	148	164	173	824	868	1016	1138	1249
March	139	144	151	166	176	825	877	1045	1145	1264
April	139	144	153	167		827	876	1051	1144	
May	140	144	154	168		832	891	1069	1151	
June	139	145	154	167		829	903	1087	1153	
July	140	146	157	168(a)		832	899	1096	1168	
August	140	145	159	169		832	897	1109	1181	
Sept.	140	143	160	171		834	914	1114	1172	
October	140	141	161	170		837	929	1118	1184	
November	141	141	158	171		851	965	1133	1215	
December	142	145	163	171		886	1012	1165	1267	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1947 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1947									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July (a)	404	12	416	366	14	380	782	15	797
August (a)	355	10	365	538	10	548	599	15	614
Sept. (a)	181	5	186	286	5	291	494	15	509
Oct. (a)	179	6	185	233	5	238	440	16	456
Nov. (a)	175	12	187	249	10	259	366	18	384
Dec. (a)	185	7	192	132	10	142	419	15	434
1948									
Jan. (a)	335	4	339	392	9	401	362	10	372
Feb. (a)	130	5	135	183	8	191	309	7	316

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	APRIL		10 Months Ended APRIL	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	18,750	16,524	184,838	164,771
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	15,878	13,897	158,468	140,421

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
April, 1948	6,261	224	56,724	8,152
April, 1947	4,929	167	53,342	9,296
4 Months ended April, 1948	21,240	860	219,632 *	38,592
4 Months ended April, 1947	19,879	995	284,222	46,427

* Amended.

